

Leonardsville

West Marchant ~~hospital~~
Baltimore Sept. 26th

Dear Father & Mother

I have been
here most 3 weeks and have
recd but one letter from home
I don't know what to make of it
this makes the the fourth time
that I have written and
I begin to feel as if a line
from home would do me a
considerable good.

I am now about 4 miles from
camp with a detachment
of 60 men to guard this
hospital there are some
of the other boys from L.
me.

we have to stand on
guard every other day
2 hours on and 4 off for
24 hours. we have to guard
about 1200 sick & wounded
The most of the wounded
are very near well so that
they ~~are not comfortable~~
~~and~~ can get around by the
use of crutches and canes

The sick are very well
cared for as well as could
be expected where there are
so many to gather

I had the fun of seeing
a company of Chinese prisoners
Yesterday they were the worst
set of human beings that

I ever saw. there was not
2 of them dressed alike they ragged
& dirty & poor as wood in fact
they were living skeletons

While they were waiting on the
dock for ~~the~~ the Steamboat
a citizen stepped up and
gave them some money and
hurrahed for Jackson there
~~about~~ ^{were} five or three hundred
of the hospital soldiers stand-
ing around them and they
took him and threwed
him in to the Bay ~~and~~ he
went down in under a ship
and when he came up he
was dead that is the way
the secesh get served —
They are about 2/3 secesh here
but they are afraid to come
out and express their sentiments.
The prisoners that were taken
at Harpers Ferry and paroled
passed through here last
Tuesday and Wednesday
they are all going to camp

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